

The Worship of God

“Christmas Reflections”

November 30, 2014

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven O' Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

The Hanging of the Greens

ORGAN PRELUDE: Sleepers Wake

The Holly and the Ivy

J.S. Bach

Herbert Sumison

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Noel Tendrement

Louis D' Aquin

CHORAL INTROIT

French Melody, 15th Century

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 119: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(The congregation will rise when the organist begins playing.)

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Jan, Andrew, and Will Robillard

* LITANY OF PREPARATION Elizabeth Edwards

Minister: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Minister: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Minister: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Minister: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the Scriptures foretelling the saving work of God.

Minister: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

* THE GLORIA PATRI GLORIA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: “Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne”

Mark Patterson

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne for soon the Child of Light will come. Let ev'ry voice prepare a song to welcome Christ the Promised One. Let ev'ry hand reach out with love to greet this gift from God above. Make ready now, the Savior comes, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One. So let the flame of Advent glow, each candle shines that all may know the hope we need, so long foretold will soon be here for us to hold.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-8

Jerry Carter

PRAYER

Anne Chappell

THE BLESSING OF THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

Spencer Bulluck

ANTHEM: “Sans Day Carol”

Cornish Traditional Carol/arr. John Rutter

Now the Holly bears a berry as white as the milk and Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk. *And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly. Holly, holly, and the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly.* Now the Holly bears a berry as green as the grass and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross. Now the Holly bears a berry as black as the coal and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all. Now the Holly bears a berry as blood is it red then trust we our Savior who rose from the dead.

THE BLESSING OF THE GREENERY AND WREATHS

Mary Jo Williamson

CAROL MEDLEY *(Please remain seated and sing while the greenery and poinsettias are being placed.)*

147 (stanzas 1&3):

“Away in a Manger”

AWAY IN A MANGER

125 (stanzas 1&2):

“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

150 (stanzas 1&3):

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

THE BLESSING OF THE POINSETTIAS

Stancil Barnes

ANTHEM: “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Gustav Holst/arr. Donald Moore

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long time ago. Angels and archangels o'er the stable there, cherubim and seraphim gathered in the air; But his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved, worshiped with a kiss. O what can I give him, poor though as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; what I can I give him: give him my heart. What I can I give him: give him my heart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Amy Shortt

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Noel Stranger

Louis Aquino

* THE DOXOLOGY

THE FIRST NOEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Tracy Corbett

ANTHEM: “A Place to Keep Your Son”

Matthew H. Corl

A watching, waiting people look for signs from above. We keep awake, expecting the coming of your love. We know good news shall be here soon, a blessed one shall come; prepare in us a warm heart, a place to keep your son. A voice cries out, “Get ready, prepare a way for God; be ready for his coming, the coming of our Lord.” We know good news shall be here soon, a blessed one shall come; prepare in us a warm heart, a place to keep your son. Rejoicing in your spirit, our deepest joy in you; the world is ever changing, but you are ever true. We know good news shall be here soon, a blessed one shall come; prepare in us a warm heart, a place to keep your son. We hear the angel's greeting, “O hail, you blessed one, for your shall bear a Savior and he will be God's son.” We know good news shall be here soon, the blessed one is near; we'll make for him a warm heart, we'll hold your own son dear.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

Dennis Culpepper

ANTHEM: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

J.S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light and usher in the morning; ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11

MEDITATION: "Christmas Reflections: The Hope of the Prophets" Jody Wright

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us decorate this tree with symbols of our faith.
The Chrismons we use represent the life and inspiration of the church in times past,
the witness of the church today, and the hope of the church for generations to come.

People: As we share these symbols, let us confess what we believe.

Leader: We believe in God.

People: Father, Creator, Sustainer.

Leader: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

People: Alpha and Omega, Light of light, Prince of Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords.
Immanuel: God with us.

Leader: Jesus! Born of the virgin Mary, born in Bethlehem, cradled in a manger. Heralded by
shepherds, Magi, and angelic hosts.

People: Glory to God in the highest and on earth . . . peace.

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

People: Comforter, Heavenly Dove, Spirit of Love.

Leader: We believe in the church.

People: The Body of Christ, the communion of the saints, the people of God.

Leader: We believe in the Word of Life.

People: Sent from God: living, transforming, and challenging.

Leader: We believe that Christ has conquered life and death.

People: That he was crucified, dead, and buried: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins
of the world.

Leader: We believe in the resurrection.

People: Offering life everlasting!

Leader: Bursting forth with hope!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Let us offer our lives to God.

People: In gratitude for the gift of love and life, we offer ourselves to God. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL CAROL 144: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

* ORGAN RECESSIONAL: In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach

The congregation will recess to Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building for a dedication and reception.

We encourage you to exit through the door nearest your seat.

* Congregation stands.

*The poinsettias and wreaths that adorn the sanctuary and the doors of the church
are given to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones.*

Please see the memorial brochure for a listing of these gifts.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
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Acolyte

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Organist
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Amy Shortt
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